

**In the Claims:**

Amend claims 1 and 2, as follows. [Format corresponding to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(i), ie. "without markings".]

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*A<sub>2</sub>*  
1(Amended). A copper foil for use in laser beam drilling, comprising: a copper foil having a surface through which a laser beam enters, a particle layer formed on at least said surface of said copper foil, said particle layer being about 0.01 to 3  $\mu\text{m}$  thick, being plated on said surface and including at least one metal, said metal including copper.

2(Amended). A copper foil according to claim 1, further comprising an over-plated coating which is formed on said particle layer without changing a surface configuration of said particle layer.